Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

October 2007

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended October 13, 2007, there were 504,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan during October 2007, an increase of 100 from September 2007 and 2,800 more than the number employed in October 2006.

Agricultural employment was 43,000 persons in October 2007, down 3,000 from September 2007 and 4,700 less than the October 2006 agricultural employment level of 47,700. Non-agricultural employment was 461,500 persons in October 2007. This is an increase of 3,100 from the September 2007 non-agriculture employment level of 458,400 and 7,500 more than October 2006.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for October 2007 was 3.7 percent. This is an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the September 2007 rate of 3.4 percent and 0.4 percentage points higher than the October 2006 level of 3.3 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 1,900 to 524,000 persons in October 2007 from 522,100 persons in September 2007. This is 5,100 more than the October 2006 labour force of 518,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.1 percentage points to 69.4 percent in October 2007 from 69.3 percent in September 2007. The October 2006 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.5 percent.

There were 19,500 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during October 2007. This is an increase of 1,800 from September 2007 and is 2,300 more than the number unemployed in October 2006.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 502,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan in October 2007, up 100 from the September 2007 level of 502,500 and is up 2,700 from the October 2006 employment level of 499,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2007 was 4.3 percent. This is an increase of 0.5 percentage points from the September 2007 rate of 3.8 percent and 0.4 percentage points higher than the October 2006 rate of 3.9 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 86,700 persons in October 2007 to 17,051,900 persons from 16,965,200 persons in September 2007. In October 2006, there were 16,623,400 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points to 5.3 percent from the September 2007 level of 5.5 percent. In October 2006, Canada's unemployment rate was 5.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.8 percent in October 2007. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than September 2007 and 0.3 percentage points lower than the October 2006 level of 6.1 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	October 2007	September 2007	October 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	17,997.9	17,945.3	17,606.7	52.6	391.2
Employed ('000)	17,051.9	16,965.2	16,623.4	86.7	428.5
Full-Time ('000)	13,880.2	13,968.0	13,593.1	-87.8	287.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,171.7	2,997.2	3,030.3	174.5	141.4
Unemployed ('000)	946.1	980.1	983.3	-34.0	-37.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.5	5.6	-0.2	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.8	5.9	6.1	-0.1	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	67.5	67.4	66.9	0.1	0.6
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	524.0	522.1	518.9	1.9	5.1
Employed ('000)	504.5	504.4	501.7	0.1	2.8
Full-Time ('000)	414.9	415.0	404.1	-0.1	10.8
Part-Time ('000)	89.6	89.4	97.6	0.2	-8.0
Unemployed ('000)	19.5	17.7	17.2	1.8	2.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	3.4	3.3	0.3	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.3	3.8	3.9	0.5	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	69.3	69.5	0.1	-0.1
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,037.3	2,041.6	1,957.7	-4.3	79.6
Employed ('000)	1,971.9	1,974.0	1,901.7	-2.1	70.2
Full-Time ('000)	1,643.6	1,664.7	1,606.9	-21.1	36.7
Part-Time ('000)	328.3	309.3	294.8	19.0	33.5
Unemployed ('000)	65.4	67.6	56.0	-2.2	9.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.2	3.3	2.9	-0.1	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	3.4	3.6	3.0	-0.2	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	73.7	74.0	73.2	-0.3	0.5
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	626.4	623.5	612.8	2.9	13.6
Employed ('000)	604.2	599.4	590.1	4.8	14.1
Full-Time ('000)	486.8	492.2	469.3	-5.4	17.5
Part-Time ('000)	117.4	107.2	120.9	10.2	-3.5
Unemployed ('000)	22.2	24.1	22.7	-1.9	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.5	3.9	3.7	-0.4	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.0	4.2	4.2	-0.2	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	69.2	68.6	0.3	0.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2007	September 2007	October 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	524.0	522.1	518.9	1.9	5.1
Male	284.6	282.2	276.9	2.4	7.7
Female	239.4	240.0	242.0	-0.6	-2.6
15-24 Years of Age	95.0	93.5	96.2	1.5	-1.2
25+ Years of age	429.0	428.6	422.7	0.4	6.3
EMPLOYED ('000)	504.5	504.4	501.7	0.1	2.8
Male	274.2	273.2	267.3	1.0	6.9
Female	230.3	231.2	234.3	-0.9	-4.0
15-24 Years of Age	87.6	87.2	90.3	0.4	-2.7
25+ Years of age	416.9	417.2	411.4	-0.3	5.5
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	19.5	17.7	17.2	1.8	2.3
Male	10.4	9.0	9.5	1.4	0.9
Female	9.0	8.7	7.6	0.3	1.4
15-24 Years of Age	7.4	6.3	5.9	1.1	1.5
25+ Years of age	12.1	11.4	11.2	0.7	0.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	3.7	3.4	3.3	0.3	0.4
Male	3.7	3.2	3.4	0.5	0.3
Female	3.8	3.6	3.1	0.2	0.7
15-24 Years of Age	7.8	6.7	6.1	1.1	1.7
25+ Years of age	2.8	2.7	2.6	0.1	0.2
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.4	69.3	69.5	0.1	-0.1
	76.4	75.9	75.3	0.5	1.1
Female	62.6	62.9	64.0	-0.3	-1.4
15-24 Years of Age	68.7	67.8	70.0	0.9	-1.3
25+ Years of age	69.6	69.6	69.5	0.0	0.1

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	October 2007	September 2007	October 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	43.0	46.0	47.7	-3.0	-4.7
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	22.4	21.0	22.2	1.4	0.2
Utilities	4.9	4.4	4.6	0.5	0.3
Construction	36.3	36.9	33.3	-0.6	3.0
Manufacturing	30.0	30.5	28.2	-0.5	1.8
Trade	81.0	80.0	80.1	1.0	0.9
Transportation and Warehousing	23.5	24.8	26.3	-1.3	-2.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.7	27.7	26.1	0.0	1.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.7	21.6	19.9	0.1	1.8
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.6	11.5	12.4	0.1	-0.8
Educational Services	42.6	39.2	40.6	3.4	2.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	60.1	59.5	58.8	0.6	1.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.6	20.9	20.3	-1.3	-0.7
Accommodation and Food Services	30.7	31.3	31.8	-0.6	-1.1
Other Services	21.6	21.7	22.0	-0.1	-0.4
Public Administration	27.8	27.6	27.4	0.2	0.4
Total	504.5	504.4	501.7	0.1	2.8
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	414.9	415.0	404.1	-0.1	10.8
Part-Time	89.6	89.4	97.6	0.2	-8.0
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	413.5	413.2	404.9	0.3	8.6
Public Sector	128.8	122.4	121.8	6.4	7.0
Private Sector	284.7	290.8	283.2	-6.1	1.5
Self-Employed	91.0	91.2	96.7	-0.2	-5.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2007	September 2007	October 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,051.9	16,965.2	16,623.4	86.7	428.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	219.8	224.4	221.4	-4.6	-1.6
Prince Edward Island	71.5	71.8	69.2	-0.3	2.3
Nova Scotia	454.0	448.1	445.2	5.9	8.8
New Brunswick	365.6	369.5	355.5	-3.9	10.1
Quebec	3,895.1	3,897.5	3,805.4	-2.4	89.7
Ontario	6,681.2	6,603.6	6,505.2	77.6	176.0
Manitoba	604.2	599.4	590.1	4.8	14.1
Saskatchewan	504.5	504.4	501.7	0.1	2.8
Alberta	1,971.9	1,974.0	1,901.7	-2.1	70.2
British Columbia	2,283.9	2,272.4	2,228.1	11.5	55.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	5.3	5.5	5.6	-0.2	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.2	11.4	12.8	0.8	-0.6
Prince Edward Island	7.4	7.9	9.2	-0.5	-1.8
Nova Scotia	6.7	7.3	7.2	-0.6	-0.5
New Brunswick	6.9	7.2	7.2	-0.3	-0.3
Quebec	6.3	6.4	7.0	-0.1	-0.7
Ontario	5.5	5.9	5.8	-0.4	-0.3
Manitoba	3.5	3.9	3.7	-0.4	-0.2
Saskatchewan	3.7	3.4	3.3	0.3	0.4
Alberta	3.2	3.3	2.9	-0.1	0.3
British Columbia	4.0	4.0	4.2	0.0	-0.2

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Aug-Oct 2007	Jul-Sept 2007	Aug-Oct 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.2	6.4	7.7	-0.2	-1.5
Halifax	5.1	6.2	4.7	-1.1	0.4
Saint John	5.4	5.5	6.0	-0.1	-0.6
Quebec	4.6	4.4	5.1	0.2	-0.5
Montreal	7.0	7.1	7.7	-0.1	-0.7
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.2	5.7	5.5	-0.5	-0.3
Greater Sudbury	5.7	6.4	7.8	-0.7	-2.1
Toronto	6.7	7.5	6.9	-0.8	-0.2
Winnipeg	4.5	4.6	4.6	-0.1	-0.1
Regina	5.0	6.2	4.6	-1.2	0.4
Saskatoon	3.9	4.2	3.9	-0.3	0.0
Calgary	3.1	3.2	3.2	-0.1	-0.1
Edmonton	4.2	4.2	3.8	0.0	0.4
Vancouver	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-0.1
Victoria	3.7	4.3	4.4	-0.6	-0.7
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	148.3	147.5	151.4	0.8	-3.1
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.6	54.4	55.4	0.2	-0.8
Saskatoon-Biggar	166.2	167.6	158.3	-1.4	7.9
Yorkton-Melville	42.3	42.4	40.6	-0.1	1.7
Prince Albert & Northern	93.1	93.9	95.2	-0.8	-2.1

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Aug-Oct 2007	Jul-Sept 2007	Aug-Oct 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	526.0	529.5	522.5	-3.5	3.5
Employed ('000)	503.7	505.0	499.4	-1.3	4.3
Unemployed ('000)	22.4	24.6	23.0	-2.2	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.6	4.4	-0.3	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	70.4	70.0	-0.6	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.8	67.1	66.9	-0.3	-0.1
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	487.9	491.3	485.3	-3.4	2.6
Employed ('000)	469.9	472.0	467.3	-2.1	2.6
Unemployed ('000)	17.9	19.3	18.0	-1.4	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	3.9	3.7	-0.2	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	70.4	71.0	70.6	-0.6	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	67.8	68.2	68.0	-0.4	-0.2
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	38.2	38.2	37.1	0.0	1.1
Employed ('000)	33.7	33.0	32.1	0.7	1.6
Unemployed ('000)	4.4	5.3	5.0	-0.9	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.6	13.7	13.5	-2.1	-1.9
Participation Rate (%)	63.5	63.7	63.1	-0.2	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	56.1	55.0	54.6	1.1	1.5
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	15.7	16.1	14.4	-0.4	1.3
Employed ('000)	13.3	13.2	11.5	0.1	1.8
Unemployed ('000)	2.3	2.9	2.9	-0.6	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.9	17.7	20.2	-2.8	-5.3
Participation Rate (%)	57.6	59.1	54.0	-1.5	3.6
Employment Rate (%)	49.0	48.6	43.1	0.4	5.9
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Labour Force ('000)	22.4	22.1	22.7	0.3	-0.3
Employed ('000)	20.3	19.7	20.6	0.6	-0.3
Unemployed ('000)	2.1	2.4	2.1	-0.3	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.3	10.9	9.1	-1.6	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.3	67.6	70.7	0.7	-2.4
Employment Rate (%)	62.0	60.2	64.2	1.8	-2.2

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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